

**Meeting Minutes  
Town of Morristown  
March 3, 2020**

**Present:** Gary Turner, David VanArnam, Chris Coffin, Shawn Macaulay, Frank Putman

**Also Present:** Dean Hoffman (Highway), Jay Moore (Fire Department), Tom Bell (ZBA), Wayne Moquin, Joe Lightfoot (County Legislator), Neil White, Wayne Sardullo, Jr.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Shawn Macaulay

**Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2020 and February 19, 2020:** A motion was made by Councilman Macaulay to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020 and February 19, 2020 as presented.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Abstain, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

**Correspondence**

The Town received the February 2020 Contract Operations report from DANC.

**Public Comment 1** None

**Old Business**

1. **Supervisors Update:** Supervisor Putman reviewed some of the items he has been doing in February.
  - Attended a meeting with St. Lawrence County Emergency Services on planning for a high water threat along the St. Lawrence River.
  - Working with DANC regarding promotional funding in the CREG grant that will now be available to the Town.
  - Reviewed with the Town attorney on property deed transfers to the Town from the former village.
  - Working with tech support to recover files from the village computer.
  - Working with the Highway Department on the removal of old village signs along State Highway 37.
  - Also working with State DOT on new signs at each entrance to the hamlet.
  - Free flowers for summer plantings for the hamlets.
2. **CPA Review of Village Financial Records:** No proposals received yet.
3. **New Ambulance Contract:** Councilman Coffin stated that the draft was substantially the same as the current contract. The Board discussed the payment schedule for the ambulance payment. Councilman VanArnam stated that if the scheduled payments were close to the original there was no problem. The Board requested the annual payment schedule for the ambulance. A motion was made by Councilman Coffin to approve the amended contract for the ambulance services with the condition that the Board would receive a copy of the payment schedule, a copy of the check, assurance that a separate account would be set up for the ambulance fund. Councilman Turner seconded the motion.

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- 4. Morristown Athletic Boosters Request:** The Board discussed the request and agreed that they supported the name change. A motion was made by Councilman VanArnam to support the request from the Sports Boosters to change the name of the water tower field to Lyle Woodcock Field.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

- 5. Street Light Conversion:** National Grid informed the Clerk that the minimum number of light that can be converted is 100. The Board directed the Clerk to get an estimate of the upfront cost and the amount of re-imbursement that could be expected.

**New Business**

- 1. Transfer of Village Property to Town:** Supervisor Putman stated that the transfer is in process with the Town attorney.

**REDI Grant Resolution:** A motion was made to adopt Resolution #07 of 2020 A resolution to Transfer Site Control of a Portion of Northumberland Street to St. Lawrence County. The motion to adopt was made by Councilman VanArnam, The Resolution as follows:

A resolution authorizing the Town of Morristown to execute a Certificate of Municipal Site Control, Intermunicipal Agreement and temporary transfer of right-of-way for an area of Northumberland Street Bridge (B.I.N. 3341380) over Morristown Bay and adjacent roadway/causeway, Town of Morristown, to the County of St. Lawrence (Sponsor) to progress the Lake Ontario Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Project, Asset SJ.03, St. Lawrence County.

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is presently preparing contract plans for the removal of Northumberland Street Bridge over Morristown Bay (B.I.N. 3341380) in the Town of Morristown, which requires relocating the water and sewer lines under the Bay; and WHEREAS, said construction can be undertaken in conjunction with the construction of foresaid water line and sewer line installation at a substantial ultimate savings to the Town of Morristown and the County of St. Lawrence, now therefore be it RESOLVED that the Town of Morristown in regular meeting convened, petitions the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

- Petition 1. The County of St. Lawrence shall accept the transfer of site control of Northumberland Street and public utilities within the project area from the Town of Morristown.
- Petition 2. The County of St. Lawrence shall accept temporary right-of-way of a portion of Northumberland Street and public utilities within the project area from the Town of Morristown.
- Petition 3. The County of St. Lawrence shall enter an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Morristown.

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Petition 4. The County of St. Lawrence is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary arrangements to relocate the water and sewer lines under Morristown Bay in the contract for the removal of Northumberland Street Bridge (B.I.N. 3341380) over Morristown Bay, Town of Morristown at no cost to the town.

Petition 5. Upon completion of the project the Town of Morristown will be responsible for ownership and maintenance of said utilities and the remaining portion of the street and any other improvements in the project thereof.

Petition 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the clerk of the Town of Morristown is hereby directed to transmit five (5) copies of the foregoing resolution to the following address:

Donald R. Chambers, Superintendent  
St. Lawrence County Dept. of Highways  
44 Park Street  
Canton, NY 13617

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Supervisor has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town Board of the Town of Morristown, any and all documentation that may become necessary as a result of this project as it relates to the Town of Morristown.

The motion was seconded by Councilman VanArnam

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

2. **St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Review:** The Board received a written report from the County.

3. **Black Lake Chamber Request for Resolution of Support:** The Town Board received a request from the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce for their support in building an information center along County Route 6 at the site of the former County gravel pit. A resolution supporting the project would assist in the Chambers request for permission. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adopt Resolution #11 of 2020 A Resolution of Support for the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Coffin seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution as follows;

Resolved, that the Town of Morristown supports the Black Lake Chamber of Commerce in its effort to build an information center for printed materials on County Route 6 at the site of the County's old gravel pit.

Vote: Gary Turner-Aye, David VanArnam-Aye, Chris Coffin-Aye, Shawn Macaulay-Aye, Frank Putman-Aye

4. **Liquor License Waiver Request/The Lakehouse:** A request was received from James T. Phillips Jr., DBA The Lakehouse, for a waiver of the 30 day waiting period to submit a liquor license. Councilman VanArnam stated that he felt a judge should not own a bar. Councilman Coffin moved to grant the waiver as requested. Supervisor Putman asked for a second several times from the Board, but the motion did not receive a second. With no second the motion failed. The waiver request was not granted.

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**Department Reports**

**Highway Department:** The auction for the Jeep and the Dodge truck are proceeding. Superintendent Hoffman requested permission from the Board to accept the high bids on both vehicles. The Board granted the request to do so. The Town request 1,500 sandbags to stockpile at the Town Highway Barn. Still waiting on pricing for a new plow truck. Town will re-use the belly plow to save money. The Superintendent reported that the sewer districts were running with few problems.

**Code Enforcement Office:** A written report was received from the Code Officer. There is also a request that the Board review and consider a proposed change to the fees in the Building Code Law. The Board directed the Clerk to send it to the attorney for review.

**Sewer & Water Districts:** Dean Hoffman reported that the water plant needs the overhaul of some equipment. The chlorine injection management equipment needs replacement of parts of the system.

**Financial:** Chris Coffin reported on cash reserve projections for wear and tear on Town equipment.

**Public Comment 2**

- Joe Lightfoot spoke to the Board on Pistol permits, the 2020 Census, The major NYPA project along Route 37, Sales tax talks with the City of Ogdensburg and the County Coronavirus task force.
- Neil White apologized for his outburst at the February meeting. Stated he was tired of the parking situation. He wants improvement on the parking issue. He noted that the Town had moved some of the snow pile at the hill near his house.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 8:10 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk